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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 18-CR-00258 EJD
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Plaintiff,)	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER
)	REGARDING TRIAL SCHEDULE
v.)	*AS MODIFIED*
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RAMESH BALWANI,)	
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Defendant.)	
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STIPULATION

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2 1. This matter is currently set for trial on February 15, 2022.

3 2. On January 5, 2022, the United States District Court for the Northern District of
4 California, through the Clerk of Court, announced that “[e]ffective immediately, due to recent
5 developments in the COVID-19 public health emergency, including the rapid spread of the Omicron
6 variant, all criminal and civil jury trials in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
7 will be suspended until after January 26, 2022.”

8 3. Later on January 5, 2022, the Court scheduled a status conference in this matter for
9 January 7, 2022.

10 4. On January 7, 2022, during the status conference, the Court advised the parties that the
11 jury trial suspension announced on January 5, 2022, applies to this matter and limits the Court’s ability
12 to convene and instruct a venire of potential jurors and supervise the potential jurors’ completion of a
13 juror questionnaire necessary for the selection of a fair and impartial jury.

14 5. On January 7, 2022, as reflected in the transcript of the proceedings, the parties and the
15 Court discussed means of bringing this matter to trial on the scheduled trial date, but did not reach a
16 resolution of the issues presented by the COVID-19 public health emergency, including the rapid spread
17 of the Omicron variant.

18 6. On January 7, 2022, the Court, through its Courtroom Deputy, provided an alternative
19 schedule to the parties and solicited their input.

20 7. Mr. Balwani recognizes that the Court has deemed the continuance of the trial to be
21 necessary in the interests of justice to protect the health and welfare of the public and all participants in
22 the trial. Accordingly, the parties stipulate and agree that, under these circumstances, including the
23 Northern District of California’s January 5, 2022 order suspending jury trials, an exclusion of time under
24 the Speedy Trial Act through March 9, 2022, is appropriate and consent to entry of an order excluding
25 the time from February 15, 2022 to March 9, 2022 from computation under the Speedy Trial Act and
26 finding that the exclusion of time serves the ends of justice and outweighs the best interest of the public
27 and the defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B).
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8. The parties, having met and conferred, stipulate and agree, and respectfully request that the Court order, that the Court adopt the following schedule:

Friday, February 4, 2022 (9:00 a.m.):	Hearing on motions <i>in limine</i> and pretrial conference (the parties remain available on Feb. 7-12 in the event the Court determines additional time is necessary for the hearing). The parties request that the Court hold this hearing in person if possible.
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 (9:00 a.m.):	Final pretrial conference (juror questionnaires must be finalized and copied by counsel for distribution to the venire)
Thursday, March 3, 2022:	First group of jurors shall report to the Courthouse on to fill out questionnaires
Friday, March 4, 2022:	Second group of jurors shall report to the Courthouse to fill out questionnaires. The parties will take the completed questionnaires and make the necessary copies to ensure effective review by the parties and the Court.
Monday, March 7, 2022 (9:00 a.m.): Tuesday, March 8, 2022 (9:00 a.m.):	Conference to review the completed questionnaires (reserved for further review of questionnaires)
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 (9:00 a.m.):	Jury selection
Thursday, March 10, 2022 (9:00 a.m.):	Jury selection
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 (9:00 a.m.):	Jury selection (if necessary) / opening statements / beginning of evidence (subject to availability)

9. The parties stipulate and agree that the Court shall enter the proposed order below and that the hearing currently set for January 12, 2022 shall be vacated.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

1 DATED: January 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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4 /s/ *Robert S. Leach*

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11 DATED: January 11, 2022

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~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Based upon the facts set forth in the stipulation of the parties and the representations made to the Court, and for good cause shown, including those stated at the January 7, 2022 status conference, the trial of this matter, currently set for February 15, 2022, shall be continued March 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. For good cause shown based on the facts set forth in the stipulation of the parties and representations at the January 7, 2022 status conference, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by continuing the trial from February 15, 2022, to March 9, 2022, outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, considering, among other factors, that the failure to grant such a continuance in the proceeding would be likely to make a continuation of such proceeding impossible, or result in a miscarriage of justice. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) & (B). Therefore, and with the consent of the parties, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the time from February 15, 2022, to March 9, 2022, shall be excluded from computation under the Speedy Trial Act. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), (B). The Court adopts and ORDERS the schedule set forth in the stipulation. The hearing currently set for January 12, 2022 is VACATED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 12, 2022



HON. EDWARD J. DAVILA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE